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SUBJECT: KUWAIT DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON SELECTION OF NEXT UN  
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Classified By: CDA Matt Tueller for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) CDA met with MFA Director of International Organization  
Affairs Ambassador Abdullah Ahmed Al-Murad on February 15th  
and conveyed reftel points on appointing the next UN  
Secretary General. Murad noted that it seemed to be Asia's

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"turn," despite the U.S. argument that there is not actually  
a system of rotational leadership. He seemed dubious about  
the prospect of an Eastern European candidate since he  
considers Eastern Europe to be part of Europe, which already  
has three permanent members on the Security Council. He said  
Kuwait would make its decision after consultations with first  
the GCC, then the broader Arab world, and perhaps other  
Islamic countries. Pending consultations, the GOK would keep  
an "open mind".

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